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### Man dies in Kapa'a traffic crash

KAPA'A – A 50-year-old O'ahu man died as a result of a two-car crash in Kapa'a Monday night.

The man's identity has not yet been released.

At approximately 9:45 p.m., police were called to a traffic crash on Kūhiō Highway, near the Mailihuna Road junction in Kapa'a.

According to a preliminary investigation, a white SUV was heading south on Kūhiō Highway when it crossed the center line in an attempt to overtake a southbound silver SUV.

As a northbound vehicle approached, the white SUV swerved back into the southbound lane and collided with the silver SUV. The impact of the collision caused the white SUV to lose control and crash into a utility pole.

The front passenger of the white SUV, a 50-year-old male of O'ahu, was ejected from the vehicle during the crash. He was presumed dead at the scene, and later transported to Wilcox Hospital where he was formally pronounced dead.

The male driver of the white SUV, age 38, of O'ahu, had to be extricated from the vehicle by responding firefighters. He was transported by medics to Wilcox Hospital with critical injuries.

A second male passenger of the white SUV sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Wilcox Hospital, where he has since been released.



The driver of the silver SUV, an 18-year-old female of Anahola, did not report any injuries.

A portion of Kūhiō Highway, between Kawaihau Road and Mailihuna Road, was closed for approximately five hours while KPD's Traffic Safety Section conducted an on-scene investigation.

Speed and alcohol appear to be factors in the crash. The investigation remains ongoing.

This is Kaua'i's third traffic fatality of 2019.

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